

NEWS OF THE WEEK  
FROM OVER WORLDHAPPENINGS IN OUR OWN AND  
OTHER COUNTRIES  
BRIEFLY TOLD.

## SHORT ITEMS FOR BUSY MEN

Week's News Condensations Reviewed Without Comment—All Nations Find Something to Edify and Instruct.

Rioting took place at the Theodore Kuntz war order auto body plant at Cleveland, O., when 1,800 men, on strike several weeks, returned to work, following a settlement.

Miss Hazel Sanford, 19 years old, was killed at Mt. Carmel, Ill., when hit by a speeding automobile occupied by Evan Coffey, Henry Epner and Edward McGregor.

Extreme simplicity will be observed at the wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt, which the White House announced will be solemnized Dec. 18 at the home of Mrs. Galt.

The trustees of the Carnegie hero fund, the Carnegie trust for the universities of Scotland and the Carnegie Dunfermline trust have decided to sell the United States Steel corporation bonds held by the trusts and invest in bonds of the British government.

The coroner's inquest into the explosion here at the mine of the Boomers Coal and Coke company, which killed 23 men, is in progress at Boomers, W. Va. Estimates place the loss to the state workmen's compensation fund by the accident at \$50,000.

The steamer Star of New Zealand went on the Bloisport rock, near Molene, France, during a fog and is a total wreck.

Recco Sheda of Cleveland shot his wife in the right thigh as she held their 2-year-old daughter and then killed himself.

The Conyngham, the largest destroyer in the American navy, exceeded her contract speed by making an average of 30.49 knots, while her contract called for 28 knots.

An American-born woman who becomes the wife of an alien loses her citizenship under the federal expatriation statute and cannot vote, according to a decision of the supreme court.

State department officials were informed that Gen. Villa is approaching Madera, Chihuahua, with a small body of worn-out troops, hotly pressed by Gen. Estrada, a Carranza commander.

Earth shocks were felt in Latium, at Foll, Grosmon, Genja, Caprino and Tivoli, Italy.

A big timber wolf was shot and killed by Orville Todd at his farm, three miles north of Greenville, Ill.

Official announcement was made in the house of commons that the British lost 643 men in killed and 3,330 in wounded in the battle with the Turks in Mesopotamia.

Thirty thousand dollars' worth of stock certificates were stolen from the office safe of the C. H. Foote Lumber company, Cleveland, O., by burglars who picked the lock.

Ottoman Zar Adusht Hanish, head of the Mazdaznan Cult of Sun Worshipers, was taken to the house of correction to serve a sentence of six months' imprisonment for mailing obscene matter.

According to the Echo de Belge, Fort Cornet, one of the defenses of Namur, was destroyed by an explosion and 80 German soldiers were killed.

Mrs. Jessie Kephart was found guilty of the murder of her husband, William Kephart of Danville, Ill., Oct. 7, and given 14 years in the penitentiary.

The latest census figures from Ireland show an increasing population. For the quarter ending September the last number of births in Ireland was 27,779, and the deaths 14,670. There were only 7,611 emigrants, so that the net increase in population is 9,598.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watterson of Louisville, Ky., are issuing cards in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

Two men were burned to death at Louisville, Ky., when fire partly destroyed the Seventh Avenue hotel.

Announcement was made at the navy aero station at Pensacola, Fla., that Lieut. R. C. Sautley, navy aviator, established a new world's altitude record for hydroplanes when he ascended 12,136 feet.

One hundred thousand dollars was the estimated loss sustained at Maquoketa, Ill., when the Stevens block was destroyed by fire.

Fifty women of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage are in the capital urging congressmen to support the Susan B. Anthony federal suffrage amendment.

The Norwegian parliament will not award the Nobel peace prize this year, following the course adopted last year.

Great Britain has recognized the Carranza government in Mexico.

One man was shot and killed and two others badly wounded in an attack by five unidentified men in Cincinnati on a squad of nonunion painters.

With a Bible gripped tightly at his breast, Henry Bookman, Oklahoma's first victim of electrocution, walked to his death in the state penitentiary at McAlester.

Edward Mossom, an English capitalist who died recently, bequeathed \$750,000 to the Salvation Army.

Three midshipmen at the naval academy at Annapolis have been recommended for dismissal. All of them were concerned in hazing cases last spring.

Nine thousand Bibles intended for Carranza soldiers, according to export advisers, were sent through Laredo, Tex., into Mexico.

Dr. Bernhard Dernburg has arrived at Vienna on a political mission.

Bills for an \$11,000,000 government armor plate factory were introduced in both houses of congress.

The Ford Motor Car company has purchased 14 acres of land north of its present plant, in Detroit, at a price said to be \$1,400,000.

Lady Pontiac Johanna, a cow owned in Buffalo, N. Y., has just broken the world's record by yielding 658 pounds of milk in one week, from which was made 441-81 pounds of butter.

Exports from the port of New York during November exceeded \$180,000,000, the largest amount in the history of the port.

The Washington state prohibition law was upheld by the supreme court. The law becomes effective Jan. 1, 1916.

Col. B. Paramorevsky, a representative of the Russian government in this country to look after the contracts for munitions, has killed himself at Wilmington, Del.

Two hundred Belgian women and children arrived in Chicago to rejoin members of their families from whom they have been separated since the war began.

Pinkerton detectives swore out warrants for the arrest of Vic Hugo, manager, and Charles Hodhurst, treasurer, of the Majestic theater, at Cedar Rapids, Ia., charging them with embezzlement.

Continuation classes to meet the requirements of the child labor law which becomes effective Jan. 1 will be organized in Philadelphia by several department stores.

The American oil steamer Communipaw, reported to have been sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine, has sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, for New York.

F. P. Arnold of Denver shot and dangerously wounded Mrs. C. G. Crenshaw of Jackson, Tenn., and then killed himself at a Salt Lake rooming house.

The California grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen filed a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities were given as \$327,827.43 and the assets \$6,486.68.

An imperial ukase has just been issued ordering the enrollment of the Russian class of 1917 in 1916.

The largest labor organization in England, made up of 2,000,000, was formed for offensive and defensive action respecting wages and conditions of work.

After serving five and one-half years in the Kansas penitentiary, Thomas Johnson has been freed as innocent. He was convicted of killing Frank Allen at Winfield. Another confessed the crime.

H. J. Callahan told the Chicago domestic relations court he got many a meal free by satisfying his hunger and then throwing a pet cockroach on the plate.

O. C. Rucker of Bedford, Va., has received a cablegram announcing the death of his son Ambrose, with the Second Canadian division, in Belgium.

The British steamer Carleton, New York to Queenstown, put in at Halifax with fire in her No. 2 hold.

The birth rate in Germany has decreased 20 per cent since the war began. The decrease was equivalent to 400,000 birth in April, May, June and July.

The December grand jury that will continue the investigation into the Chicago labor graft, extortion, conspiracy charges has been impaneled.

William Bache, great grandson of Benjamin Franklin, was acquitted in Jefferson county (Ky.) court of a charge of murder.

## WASTING NO TIME

Saline County Citizens Present Big Petition for the Road Bond Election.

WILL VOTE ON FEBRUARY 19

Proposition to appropriate \$1,300,000 for System of Rock Highways Throughout County.

The Missouri law requires one hundred signatures of taxpayers, citizens when a petition is presented to a county court asking for a county road bond election. Recently when petitions were laid before the Saline county court asking for an election on the proposal to spend \$1,300,000 in rock-paving 192 miles of roadways in that county it was found that more than 650 citizens had attached their signatures, although no special effort had been made to obtain a preliminary endorsement by the voters of the rock road program.

The date for the election has been fixed for Wednesday, February 19.

For a time it appeared as if serious opposition to the bonds would develop because of the fact that the county road committee, in approving the recommendations made by James Wonders, federal highway engineer, had provided for fifteen feet of rock on the principal roads and nine feet on the secondary roads. After a full discussion of the question the committee voted to ask the county court for twelve feet of rock on all the highways included in the county-wide plan. That action smoothed out all the difficulties and when the committee adjourned the members predicted that the bonds would be approved by more than the two-thirds vote required.

The average cost to the farm lands for the twenty years the rock road bonds are to run was estimated at ten cents an acre a year by Frank Latimer, county highway engineer. The assessed valuation of Saline county is about 16 1/2 million dollars. Seven and one-half million dollars of this is the tax value placed on the farms. In other words, the farmer who will get the most benefit from the rock roads will pay the smaller end of the bill.

Missouri Second in Fruit.

Missouri's latest honors as a state come with the winning of more medals in horticulture at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, California excepted. G. A. Dennison, chief of the exposition, says: "Next to California (and it is only natural that California should lead in horticulture), Missouri carries off more medals than any other of the exhibiting states. That a medal of honor was awarded for the continuous display of fresh fruit is praise enough." The Missouri apple won at the exposition and on the coast as a better flavored fruit and a better keeper under equal conditions than the Western apple. The apple exhibit, located in the center of the Palace of Horticulture, was installed in February and was maintained throughout the year.

Good Roads Meeting in Linneus.

The Missouri Central Highway Association held a meeting at Linneus recently and established two additional lines of highway, one from Brookfield to Linneus and Trenton and the other from New Boston to Linneus.

Died at a Crossing.

Samuel Caldwell, 52 years old, a farmer living near Knobnoster, was killed and his daughter, Ruby, was severely injured when their motor car was struck recently by a Missouri Pacific train at a crossing in Knobnoster.

Still Likes to Shoot.

Jack Covington, 88 years old, a lawyer, has made application for a hunter's license in Montgomery county. He is one of the Missourians who went overland to the gold fields of California with an ox team sixteen years before the Civil war.

Accident Killed Boy, 13.

Harold Moore, 13 years old, was shot through the heart at Hannibal when a 22-caliber target rifle which he was lifting from the ground was accidentally discharged. He was the son of Robert Moore.

Eagles a Pest in Missouri.

Invaded by bald eagles, damage close to \$1,000 has been done in Ozark, Taney and Howell counties and in Baxter county, Arkansas, in the past twenty days. Pigs, calves, goats, lambs and fowls of every variety have been killed in large numbers. Although protected by the state game law, farmers in this section have been trapping, shooting and poisoning the big birds. Two killed near Mammoth measured seven and nine feet from wing tip to wing tip.

Be Positive.

It is the idle life and the empty mind and the empty soul that is in the greatest peril. It is on the vacant land that they shoot all the filthy rubbish. The bad pictures got on the walls because there are vacant spaces. It is a useless thing to try to exterminate evil in your life as though that were the end of your being. It is not enough to check vice, to say to your children, "Thou shalt not," and to suggest nothing positive. Be positive.—Rev. Charles Brown, D. D.

## PRIZES FOR COUNTRY HAMS

State Agricultural Board Sets Aside \$150 for Awards at Columbia Ham and Bacon Show.

The Missouri state board of agriculture has again set aside \$150 to be awarded as premiums on the best country cured hams and bacon, country cured shoulders, fresh, smoked and fancy country sausage exhibited at the Missouri College of Agriculture, Columbia, January 3 to 7, 1916.

In addition to these cash premiums the Worcester Salt Company offers two barrels of salt—one barrel for best ham and one barrel for best bacon, salt to be delivered free at railroad stations of winners.

Entries are limited strictly to meat made on Missouri farms. No farmer will be allowed to make more than one entry in any class, but he may make an entry in each class if he so desires.

No entry fee of any kind is charged and every Missouri farmer is invited to compete. All meat should be plainly addressed to Missouri State Board of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo. The name and address of the sender must also be given. Do not neglect this. All meat should reach the office of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture not later than January 1, 1916. However, for the convenience of exhibitors meat may be delivered at the Agricultural building, Columbia, up to 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, January 3. Meat intended for entry but not received by that hour, can not be allowed to compete. Even though it may be in Columbia, it will be barred unless actually delivered at the building and turned over to those in charge of the show. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

## MORE FUNDS FOR THE ROADS

Missouri Supreme Court Decision Releases Money for Building Boone County's Highways.

The Old Trails cross-state highway in Boone county will receive first attention with the funds of the Columbia special road district, released into the hands of the district commissioners recently by a decision of the Missouri supreme court. The most important roads radiating from Columbia will then be improved.

Judge J. A. Stewart and S. F. Conley, two of the commissioners, told the Columbia Commercial Club that a great improvement in the district's roads will be made.

"The decision means that all road money collected in this special district will be spent by the commissioners in the district or within fifteen miles of it," Judge Stewart said. "I think the commissioners are the proper persons to spend this money. I have been on the county court and I know there are times when friends who have elected you ask for road improvements that should not be made. The requests to the court are often unreasonable."

Mr. Conley said the funds of the Columbia special road district amounted to more than \$20,000 from the 25-cent levy of 1913 and 1914. No levy was made by the county court in 1915.

"I think a constitutional amendment allowing any special road district to vote a levy of sixty cents on the \$100 valuation ought to be made," he said.

## Probate Judges Elect.

The Missouri Probate Judges' Association adjourned at Sedalia with a luncheon. St. Louis was chosen for the 1916 meeting, which will be held December 3 and 4. Officers elected were: M. M. Milligan, Richmond, president; T. W. Hurlburt, Warrenton, vice president; B. R. Williams, Mason, secretary-treasurer; Sam B. Hodgdon, St. Louis, sergeant-at-arms.

## Former Legislator Dead.

George E. Church, 58 years old, living four miles northwest of Butler, is dead after several weeks' illness of heart disease. Mr. Church was a leading citizen of Bates county and had represented the county in the legislature.

## Saloon Revenue Suit Filed.

A suit to collect a share of revenue from each Joplin saloon has been filed by the prosecuting attorney of Jasper county, Joplin, operating under the commission form of government, has a special charter giving it exclusive control of its dramshops.

## Bond Issue Defeated.

Returns from the special election held in Stone county to vote on the issuance of \$25,000 of bonds for the construction of a new court house at Galena, indicate that the proposal was defeated by a majority estimated at 500.

## H. B. Daggett Dead in Brookfield.

H. B. Daggett, 91 years old, a native of New York and for forty years engaged in the mercantile business in Brookfield, died at his there recently.

## Moral—Keep Advertising.

"What's your business, stranger?" "I'm a business doctor. I doctor up a business that happens to be ailing. What's your business?" "Well, if you're a business doctor I guess you might call me a business undertaker. I'm the sheriff."

## Wrong Term.

"The doctor told me there was a great deal of humor in this sore hand of mine." "Well, what of it?" "I told him I didn't think it was funny."

**Santa Claus in the Movies**

By GENE MORGAN

Y OUR information is in part correct," said Santa Claus, receiving the interviewer in the library of his ice palace. "It is true that I have received several flattering offers to star in moving picture productions. But it is not true that I have accepted any one of these propositions. I am still in doubt as to whether it would be the proper thing."

"I have my duty to the children of this world, and I must not impair my health or my power of service to them by the strenuous work demanded in the movies. No doubt I would prove a very popular star at the children's matinees. But I wonder if the children who see me in their dreams do not get a better and more flattering idea of me than they would in the picture."

"You see, my dear sir, the camera does not lie. I am sure it would not lie for me when it will not tell falsehoods about the appearance of kings and potentates. Every child in the world thinks of me as a very handsome old gentleman. Some of them may have an idea that I am inclined to be a little stout—but a good many others imagine I have as graceful a form as that of a young soldier. They think I curl my whiskers and have a beautiful wave in my long, silky locks."



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"There isn't a white flag on board."

"Nothing but black flags," says the pirate. "Hurry up and do something. You have no time to lose. If you don't surrender they will shell us. And in that case, we will have to throw you overboard, St. Nick."

"My mind works quickly. I have no white flag. My handkerchief, like those of the pirate's is a red bandanna. What am I to do? Whiz! Another shell rips past our airship."

"Ah! I have it. It is the scheme that saves the day."

The interviewer at this point leaped to his feet and shouted in excitement:

"Well, what do you do to have your life?"

"I wave my white whiskers at 'em," replied Santa Claus, proudly. "It is the signal of truce. Our lives and our precious cargo of toys are spared. What do you think of that idea for a play? They want to name it, 'Santa Claus in High Life.' Do you think I would make a hit as the star? Well, I'm glad you think so."

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of course, does not occur to them—I should like to murmur a little wisp for a bottle of hair tonic.

"One moving picture firm wants to put me into a play. The plot is something like this: I am driving my reindeer over the treetops, when I am set upon by a band of aeroplane pirates. The pirates make me hold up my hands and then divest me of my stock of toys. Just when the banditplace is about to fly away, leaving me in distress, the chief of the robbers makes a discovery.

"Amid the pack of toys he finds a rag doll. By the tag around its neck he sees that it has been addressed to his little daughter. My thoughtfulness in remembering his little girl, despite her father's profession, touches the bandit's heart. He weeps, and then to the astonishment of his pals, he orders them to lift me into the aeroplane.

"Now, Mr. Claus," he says, according to the subtitle, "we are going to deliver your toys for you all over the world tonight. Give us directions and we will fly wherever you command."

"So at my direction, the bandit's aeroplane starts delivering the toys, making much better time, let me tell you, than my poor reindeer who was left behind. Things are going along fine. Our aeroplane toy conveyance has covered Canada, the United States, Australia and South Africa, when suddenly, to our dismay, we find that we are being pursued.

"More pirates!" I ask in alarm.